NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

23PEN33 — LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. Define phoneme.
2. Differentiate between voiced and voiceless sounds.
3. What is an allomorph?
4. Explain the role of derivational morphemes.
5. List out the parts of speech?
6. Define structural analysis in grammar.
7. Give a note on generative grammar?
8. What is recursion in syntax?
9. Define semantics.
10. What is meant by conceptual meaning?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Analyze the relationship between morphemes and word meaning.

Or

(b) Examine how context influences word meaning in semantics.

12. (a) Explain morphological description in linguistics.

Or

(b) Discuss the importance of free morphemes in language structure.

13. (a) Bring out the differences between prescriptive and descriptive grammar approaches.

Or

(b) Explore the function of phrase structure rules in syntactic analysis.

14. (a) List out the properties of grammar in generative grammar theory.

Or

(b) Compare deep and surface structure in generative grammar.

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15. (a) Differentiate the significance between conceptual and associative meaning.

Or

(b) Discuss the concept of polysemy in linguistic analysis.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Attempt a detailed discussion on how different sounds of language influence word meaning.

17. Examine the significance of allomorphs in understanding word formation.

18. Evaluate the importance of structural analysis in modern linguistics.

19. Write an essay on the role of recursion in language complexity.

20. Analyze the role of semantics in understanding language and communication.

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